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part of the human miseries, with which the great family of mankind has for many years past been afflicted. It was an observation of that arch traitor to English liberties, sir Robert Walpole, that every man had his price ; it was verified at this time when the disputes were warpt up to an alarming pitch between the then mother country and their then colonies ; one asserted the right of taxation, the other denied it, in consequence of their being unrepresented ; and that representation and taxation went hand in hand together. It is well known that the administration of Britain frequently carry their infernal purposes into effect by bribery and corruption ; and at that eventful moment they selected as instruments in Massachusetts, a Hutchinson and an Oliver, of infamous memory ;—These inbred, hypocritical ingrates, kept up a secret correspondence with their friends in England, who were hostile to British as well as American liberties. These infuriated sons of an evil genii, adhering to their advice, strengthened the arm of violence by sending mercenary troops in order to enforce their unjust and imperious edicts. But mark with attention, with grateful acknowledgments the kind interposition of the Deity in favor of injured innocence, in the selection of a Hancock, an *Adams, and a Warren, with a goodly number of distinguished patriots at Boston, (which at the moment was considered by the then venal British ministry and their satellites this side of the Atlantic, to be the hot bed of sedition) through whose instrumentality were obtained the letters above alluded to, which were laid before the then Massachusetts assembly ; and shocking to relate, they strongly recommended an abridgement of what was then

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